

Grape Summary

West Virginia's commercial grape producers reported 59,800 vines on 97 acres, down 49 acres from the 1994 survey. Districts 20 and 40 account for 67 percent of the state's total vines and trees. Twenty commercial grape producers reported grapes, down 8 from 1994. Forty percent of growers have 2 acres of grapes or less, 25 percent of growers have a 3-5 acre vineyard, and 35 percent of growers have a vineyard with 6 or more acres.

Chambourcin replaced Seyval Blanc as the leading variety accounting for 16 percent of total vines, while Seyval Blanc accounted for 9 percent of total vines. Chambourcin, Seyval Blanc, Vidal and Foch account for 41 percent of total grape vines in West Virginia. Because of the numerous varieties of grapes, 41 percent were accounted for in the "other" variety. Thirty-three varieties were reported in the "other" category. The top five "other" varieties, in order of vines reported, were Cayuga White, Catawba, Delaware, Vignoles and Norton. These varieties accounted for 64 percent of the "other" category.

Fifteen percent of vines were 1-3 years of age; 44 percent of vines were 4-6 years of age; 10 percent were between the ages of 7-11 years of age; 31 percent of vines were 12 years of age and older.

| Grapes: Number of Growers, Vines and Acres by Size Group – 2004 and 1994 | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|------|------------------|------|-----------|------|-------------|------|
| No. of Acres In Vineyard | Growers | | | | All Vines | | Total Acres | |
| | Number | | Percent of Total | | | | | |
| | 2004 | 1994 | 2004 | 1994 | 2004 | 1994 | 2004 | 1994 |
| ---- Thousands ---- | | | | | | | | |
| 0 - 2 | 8 | 10 | 40 | 36 | 3.1 | 9.4 | 7 | 15 |
| 3 - 5 | 5 | 7 | 25 | 25 | 10.5 | 12.4 | 19 | 31 |
| 6 + | 7 | 11 | 35 | 39 | 46.2 | 42.2 | 71 | 100 |
| Total | 20 | 28 | 100 | 100 | 59.8 | 64.0 | 97 | 146 |

| Grapes: Number of Growers, Vines and Acreage by District – 2004 | | | |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------|-------------|
| District ^{1/} | Number of Growers | All Vines | Total Acres |
| ----Thousands ---- | | | |
| District 20 and 40 | 11 | 40.0 | 66 |
| District 60 | 9 | 19.8 | 31 |
| Total | 20 | 59.8 | 97 |

^{1/} Districts are defined on page 2. County level data was not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.